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SUBJECT: DEATHS: APPARENT VERIFICATION OF IDENTITY IN
CASE OF CHARLES EDMUND HORMAN

REF: SANTIAGO 5088

1. CONSUL WENT TO POLICE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION AFTERNOON 19 OCT AND SPOKE WITH CHIEF OF FINGERPRINT DIVISION. WAS SHOWN FINGERPRINT CARD OF BODY, IDENTIFIED BY AUTOPSY NO. 2663, AND THE CARD OF CHARLES E. HORMAN CONTAINING PRINTS USED IN GETTING CHILEAN IDENTITY CARD. CONSUL VIEWED PRINTS CAREFULLY THROUGH VIEWING DEVICE AND BOTH SETS APPEARED IDENTICAL. IN MAKING CLASSIFICATION FROM BODY, PERSONS TAKING PRINTS HAD MADE ERROR OF ONE NUMBER (3 INSTEAD OF 2) ON LITTLE FINGER OF LEFT HAND. THIS MAY REPEAT MAY HAVE BEEN REASON FOR FAILURE OF IDENTIFICATION WHEN CHECK FOR IDENTIFICATION FIRST MADE. CONSUL THEN PRODUCED COPY OF FINGERPRINTS PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT FROM FBI FILES AND COMPARED WITH OTHER TWO SETS OF PRINTS. ALL THREE SETS APPEARED IDENTICAL.
 2. CONSUL THEN WENT TO MORGUE WHERE WAS SHOWN AUTOPSY REPORT. ALL PHYSICAL FEATURES MENTIONED IN REPORT APPEAR TO BE IDENTICAL WITH THOSE PROVIDED FOR CHARLES HORMAN EXCEPT FOR HEIGHT WHICH GIVEN BY MRS. HORMAN AS 1.67 METERS AND BY MORGUE AS 1.72 METERS. FBI FINGERPRINT CHART SHOWED HEIGHT AS 69 INCHES WHICH VERY CLOSE TO 1.72. EDMUND HORMAN ALSO INDICATES
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SON WAS APPROXIMATELY 69 OR 70 INCHES TALL. ONLY ITEM OF

DISCREPANCY IN DESCRIPTIVE SECTION OF AUTOPSY IS THAT OF SHIRT.
AUTOPSY REPORT SAYS BODY BORE BLACK SHIRT AND MRS. HORMAN HAD
PREVIOUSLY INDICATED A WHITE FLOWERED SHIRT. HOWEVER, MRS.
HORMAN DID NOT SEE HER HUSBAND ON THE DATE OF HIS DISAPPEARANCE.

3. ALTHOUGH EDMUND HORMAN HAS NOT YET MADE FINAL DECISION,
WHEN HE SPOKE WITH CONSULAR OFFICERS ON 18 AND 19 OCT, HE
APPEARED DISPOSED TO HAVE BODY EXHUMED AND CREMATED. CREMATION
IS MANDATORY UNDER CHILEAN LAW ONCE BODY EXHUMED.

4. EDMUND HORMAN AND JOYCE HORMAN STILL APPEAR TO PLAN TO
LEAVE CHILE 20 OCT FOR THE UNITED STATES.
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